**Ideas for Discussion** – For deeper, richer conversations, connect text to your responses.

Read over the last 2 pages of the novel. Do you notice the reappearance of quotes from earlier in the novel? Why? How have they changed?

Revisit the advice that Mademoiselle Reisz gave Edna earlier in the novel: "The bird that would soar above the level plain of tradition and prejudice must have strong wings. It is a sad spectacle to see the weaklings bruised, exhausted, fluttering back to earth." What is the significance now?

Think about the significance of water in *The Awakening*. Look at the handout I gave you on archetypes for ideas.

Why? Why did Edna return to Grand Isle? Why did she walk into sea?